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RECYCLING METHOD FOR DEVELOPER SUPPLYING UNIT INCLUDING THE STEP
OF DRIVING A FEEDING MEMBER IN A DIRECTION TO FEED DEVELOPER FROM
A DEVELOPER SUPPLY PORT TO A DEVELOPER ACCOMMODATING PORTION

FIELD OF THE INVENTION AND RELATED ART

The present invention relates to a method for remanufacturing a developer supplying unit removably mountable in the image assembly of an electrophotographic image forming apparatus.

5 Here, an electrophotographic image forming apparatus is an apparatus which forms an image on recording medium with the use of an electrophotographic image-formation method. It includes, for example, various types of electrophotographic copying machines, electrophotographic printers (laser beam printers, LED printers, etc.), facsimile machines, word processors, etc.

10 A developer supplying unit is a unit used for supplying a developing means with developer and is removably mountable in the main assembly of an electrophotographic image forming apparatus.

Toner has long been used as the developer for an electrophotographic image forming apparatus, such as an electrophotographic copying machine, a printer, etc. It is held in a toner supply container (developer supplying apparatus) having a toner storage portion and a toner outlet portion. A user uses a toner supply container by mounting it into an electrophotographic image forming apparatus.

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When the amount of the toner in a toner supply container has been reduced to a critical level due to consumption, this toner supply container can be replaced with a